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APPLICANTS: Phillip Clark, et al.

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TITLE: Multiple Well Plate with Adhesive
Bonded Filter

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AMENDMENT

Applicants submits this Response in response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2002 directed to the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 18-23 in response to the election/restriction requirement.

Please cancel claims 12, 14 and 15 and add new claims 24-26 as follows:

24. (New) A multi well filter plate for filtering a liquid comprising,
a plate having top and bottom surfaces,
a plurality of holes passing through said plate,
a filter having a first and second surface,
said first surface of said filter being sealed to said bottom surface of said plate,
said seal being an adhesive,
said seal being liquid tight so that when a sample is placed in said holes and a pressure differential is applied between said top and bottom surfaces the liquid passes through

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